

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE
11 CORPORATION as Receiver for La Jolla
12 Bank, FSB,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 PATRICK O'CONNOR & ASSOCIATES,
16 L.P. d.b.a. O'CONNOR & ASSOCIATES,

17 Defendants.

18 PATRICK O'CONNOR & ASSOCIATES,
19 L.P. d.b.a. O'CONNOR & ASSOCIATES,

20 Counterclaimant,

21 v.

22 FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE
23 CORPORATION as Receiver for La Jolla
24 Bank, FSB,

Counterdefendant.

Case No. 10CV1520-BTM (JMA)

**ORDER RESETTING MANDATORY
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

25 Due to a conflict involving the Court's calendar, the Mandatory Settlement
26 Conference currently set for October 22, 2012 at 10 a.m. is vacated and reset for
27 **October 24, 2012 at 2 p.m.** in the chambers of Magistrate Judge Adler. Counsel shall
28 submit settlement statements **directly** to Magistrate Judge Adler's chambers no later than
October 17, 2012. The parties may either submit confidential settlement statements or
may exchange their settlement statements. Each party's settlement statement shall set

1 forth the party's statement of the case, identify controlling legal issues, concisely set out
 2 issues of liability and damages, and shall set forth the party's settlement position,
 3 including the last offer or demand made by that party, and a separate statement of the
 4 offer or demand the party is prepared to make at the Mandatory Settlement Conference.

5 **The settlement conference briefs shall not be filed with the Clerk of the Court.**

6 **All named parties, all counsel, and any other person(s) whose authority is**
 7 **required to negotiate and enter into settlement shall appear in person at the**
 8 **conference. The individual(s) present at the Mandatory Settlement Conference with**
 9 **settlement authority must have the unfettered discretion and authority on behalf of**
 10 **the party to: 1) fully explore all settlement options and to agree during the**
 11 **Mandatory Settlement Conference to any settlement terms acceptable to the party**
 12 **(G. Heileman Brewing Co., Inc. v. Joseph Oat Corp., 871 F.2d 648, 653 (7th Cir.**
 13 **1989)), 2) change the settlement position of a party during the course of the**
 14 **Mandatory Settlement Conference (Pitman v. Brinker Int'l, Inc., 216 F.R.D. 481, 485-**
 15 **86 (D. Ariz. 2003)), and 3) negotiate a settlement without being restricted by any**
 16 **predetermined level of authority (Nick v. Morgan's Foods, Inc., 270 F.3d 590, 596**
 17 **(8th Cir. 2001)).**

18 Governmental entities may appear through litigation counsel only. As to all other
 19 parties, appearance by litigation counsel only is not acceptable. Retained outside
 20 corporate counsel shall not appear on behalf of a corporation as the party who has the
 21 authority to negotiate and enter into a settlement. **The failure of any counsel, party or**
 22 **authorized person to appear at the Mandatory Settlement Conference as required**
 23 **shall be cause for the immediate imposition of sanctions.** All conference discussions
 24 will be informal, off the record, privileged, and confidential.

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 26 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

27 DATED: August 10, 2012

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 Jan M. Adler
 U.S. Magistrate Judge